



Cheviot

HISTORY: Cheviot sheep originated in the Cheviot Hills on the border of England and Scotland. They were referred to as the Border Cheviot and are the foundation stock for the Brecknock and the North Country Cheviots. This hardy breed can withstand harsh environments and are known for being great mothers. Cheviot tweeds are a traditional woven fabric, famous for their crispness and durability, which is popular for suiting material in both men and women fashions.

Distinguishing Characteristics:

These sheep have open white face surrounded by a ruff of dense white wool, white legs and distinctive erect ears. Neither their legs (below knee) nor their face have wool on them and they are hornless.

Ashland Bay stocks Cheviot Hog. The Cheviot Hog is not listed as a separate breed as it is a combination of the wool from the three British Cheviot breeds. The wool has a longer growth period of 15-18 months, rather than the usual 10-12 months resulting in a longer staple length.

Fleece Facts:

- Helical crimp - 3 dimensional structures that gives the wool resilience and bounce

Specifications:

- Micron count: 27 - 33 microns, averaging 30 microns
- Average fleece weight: 5 - 10 lbs
- Average yield: 50 - 75% (the weight of the usable wool after the fleece has been washed)
- Average staple length: 4 - 5" (Ashland Bay's Cheviot top is 5 ½")

Notes and Project Ideas:
